## CLAIMS

- 1. An anti-allergic agent comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 2. An anti-allergic food comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 3. An anti-allergic food additive comprising ground lotus and/or
- a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 4. A pollinosis-relieving agent comprising ground lotus and/or
- a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 5. A pollinosis-relieving food comprising ground lotus and/or
- a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 6. A pollinosis-relieving food additive comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 7. An agent for lowering IgE levels in serum, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 8. A food for lowering IgE levels in serum, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 9. A food additive for lowering IgE levels in serum, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 10. An agent for inhibiting the production of IL-4, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 11. A food for inhibiting the production of IL-4, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 12. A food additive for inhibiting the production of IL-4, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.

- 13. An agent for inhibiting the production of TNF, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 14. A food for inhibiting the production of TNF, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.
- 15. A food additive for inhibiting the production of TNF, comprising ground lotus and/or a lotus extract and a lactic acid bacterium.